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In re U.S. Patent Application of )

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Art Unit 2167 )

Application Number: 10/720,178 )

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METHOD, AND DATA SEARCH SYSTEM )

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**COVER LETTER**

Sir:

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Independent Claims	1	7	4 (Over 3)	x \$200	0
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S)				+ \$360	0
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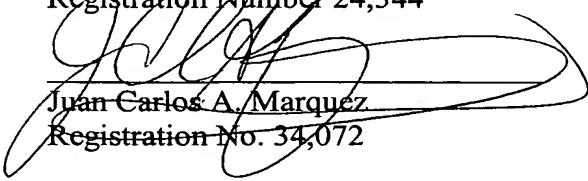
- [ x ] Response to Office Action  
(w/claim amendments)  
[ ] Substitute Specification  
[ ] Preliminary Amendment  
[ ] Information Disclosure Statement

- [ ] Petition for Extension of Time  
[ ] Terminal Disclaimer  
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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 29, 2006, the period for response to which is set to expire on March 29, 2007. Please amend the above-identified application as follows: